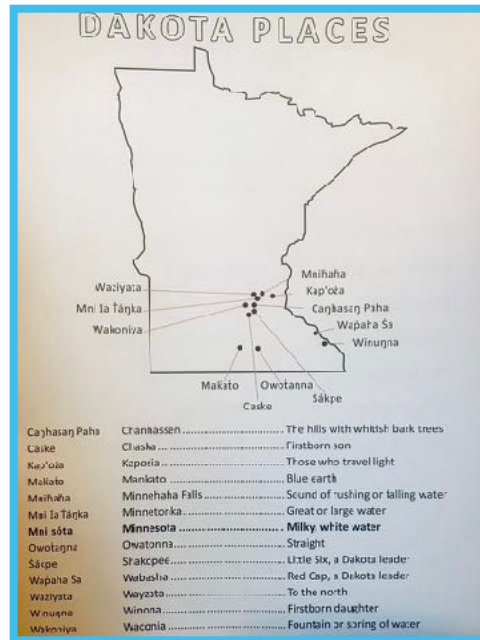




SHAKOPEE HERITAGE SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



Be smart and show friends about the names of places in Dakota, including our town of Shakopee! This is from the Coloring Books (Okapi Wówapi) from Hočokata Ti: The Lodge at the Center of the Camp. Some members of the Shakopee Heritage Society visited the SMSC Hočokata Ti, which was wonderful. This coloring book was from the Culture Festival 2023 (see page 4).

Shakopee Heritage Society Meeting

The Shakopee Heritage Society's meeting is on **Saturday, April 22** from Noon until 2 pm. After a short meeting, David Regan will talk about the **Scott County Drug Store**, which was located on First and Holmes Street in Shakopee. This will be a great presentation, so bring your friends!



Presentations Coming Up

Here is the list of the History of Shakopee Series from David Schleper of the Shakopee Heritage Society. The monthly presentations are on a Tuesday, and are free. Usually about 40 people attended. For the last 5 years, the monthly meetings have been fun! If questions, contact Mary Feltmann at 952-233-9507. SHS is at shakopeeheritage.org or at David at 952-693-3865. Presentations (free) are at the Shakopee Community Center.

Sparkling! Industry and People in Early Shakopee

April 11, 2023, 1-2 pm



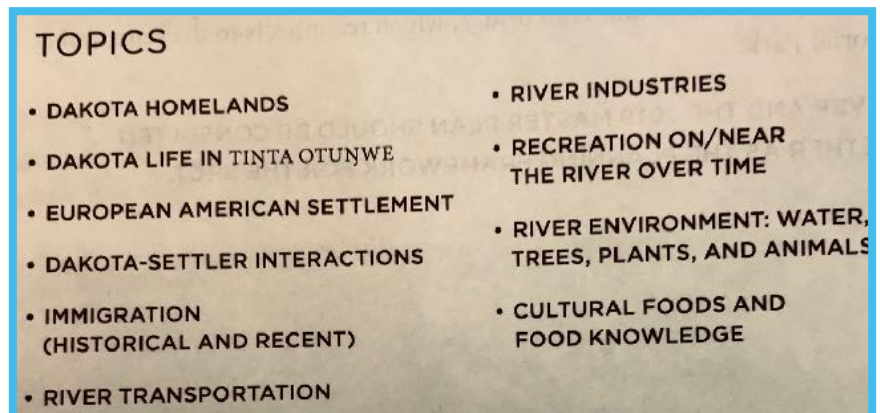
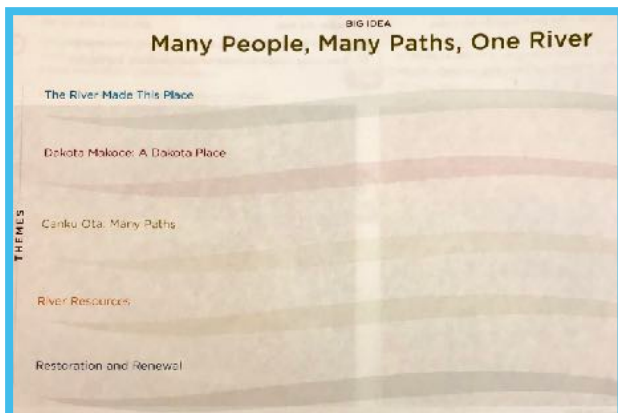
"This is a most beautiful place!" Writers in Early Shakopee

May 9, 2023, 1-2 pm



Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Trail

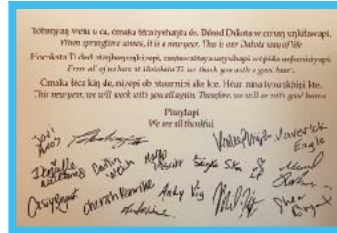
The Shakopee Riverfront Cultural Trail is Phase 2, where the SRCT members are interpreting the plan with a design of the signs and an designs and specs to build the trail. The Minnesota Historical Society provided \$175,000 for this, and it will be done within the next year. Then, the federal government rewarded Shakopee \$750,000 for phase 3, the implement of the plan starting a year from now. David Schleper from SHS is involve in the planning, including the Dakota content specialists to focus on Dakota culture and history.



On Monday and Tuesday, March 27 and 28, a meeting was held at the Shakopee Library and on the trails along the river. David Schleper attended the meeting. David and others discussed some of the possible people from the past who had connections to the river.



A Note from SMSC to Shakopee Heritage Society



Brochures



The Shakopee Heritage Society brochures will be sent shortly. It includes 24 new brochures. The brochures will (soon) all be on-line, and available for schools and others. So far, the SHS has 233 brochures. 120 of the brochures are women; 113 are men. Of the brochures, 38.36% are people of color, including 46 Native Indians, 15 African Americans, 14 Asian Americans, and 14 Latino/a people.

Want more information about People of Sha K' Pay? Go to <http://shakopeeheritage.org/people-of-sha-k-pay>.



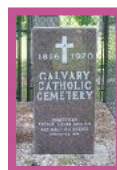
Cemetery Tours

Catholic Cemetery Tour: Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 10 am to Noon.

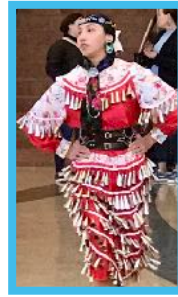
Calvary Cemetery Tour: Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 10 am to Noon.

Valley Cemetery Tour: Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 10 am to Noon.

Marystown Cemetery Tour: Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 10 am to Noon



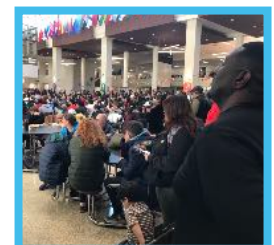
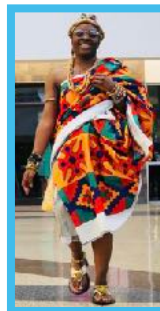
Culture Festival 2023 at the High School



The the Shakopee High School LEAD presented the Culture Festival 2023 act the school on March 23rd. The Leaders in Education and Diversity (LEAD) is a club that is dedicated to create meaningful and lasting change in Shakopee. LEAD supports diversity and inclusion in the community through volunteer work and cultural embracement.

A huge group of people were at the event, with performance by various groups and a time to visit the equity booths, including the Shakopee Diversity Alliance, Shakopee Equity Team, South County Family Resources Center, Mi Casa and more.

Next year, the Shakopee Heritage Society will have a booth there! The Shakopee schools have students from 70 languages. So it is perfect for us to have brochures and information about ALL of Shakopee.



Many Voices

"We Indians know about silence. We are not afraid of it. In fact, for us, silence is more powerful than words. Our elders were trained in the ways of silence, and they handed over this knowledge to us. Observe, listen, and then act, they would tell us. That was the manner of living.

With you, it is just the opposite. You learn by talking. You reward the children that talk the most at school. In your parties, you all try to talk at the same time. In your work, you are always having meetings in which everybody interrupts everybody and all talk five, ten or a hundred times. And you call that 'solving a problem'. When you are in a room and there is silence, you get nervous. You must fill the space with sounds. So you talk compulsorily, even before you know what you are going to say.

White people love to discuss. They don't even allow the other person to finish a sentence. They always interrupt. For us Indians, this looks like bad manners or even stupidity. If you start talking, I'm not going to interrupt you. I will listen. Maybe I'll stop listening if I don't like what you are saying, but I won't interrupt you.

When you finish speaking, I'll make up my mind about what you said, but I will not tell you I don't agree unless it is important. Otherwise, I'll just keep quiet and I'll go away.

You have told me all I need to know. There is no more to be said. But this is not enough for the majority of white people.

People should regard their words as seeds. They should sow them, and then allow them to grow in silence. Our elders taught us that the earth is always talking to us, but we should keep silent in order to hear her.

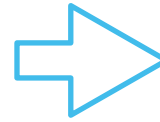
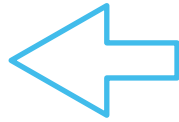
There are many voices besides ours. Many voices..."

-Ella Deloria





From this...to this!



Cleaning Valley Cemetery

Betsy Christopherson
Keewaydin Chapter DAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution is an organization with a deeply rich history while also being truly relevant in today's world. More than 1,000,000 women have joined the organization since it was founded over 125 years ago. They became members to honor their heritage as well as make a difference in their communities across the country and the world. The Keewaydin Chapter has been involved in the cleaning of Valley Cemetery in Shakopee, and the Shakopee Heritage Society



A quiet, small cemetery sits on the edge of historic Shakopee, Minnesota. Our DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter learned that it was in need of “love”. Our chapter has a long interest in Samuel Pond an early Minnesota missionary who was buried in that cemetery along with his family. When we found their stones, we were appalled at how dirty, lichen covered and dark their stones were. The cemetery contained many old Shakopee families and Civil War veterans. Stones were hard to read, flat stones were often grass and dirt covered, and some stones were hidden behind huge overgrown shrubs. This looked like a project for a group of historic obsessed ladies.

We began with the stones associated with Samuel Pond, a great grandfather-in-law of one of our members. Six of us scraped, scrubbed, and sprayed the stones with D2, a biocide specifically for headstones. We were worried it wouldn't work, but when we returned in a few weeks, they were beautiful! They were white, clean, and best of all, readable! We felt so happy we could honor this special man and his family, and now we were excited to do more.

We looked around at neighboring headstones and monuments, and realized we could be busy in this cemetery for a long time. We also decided that we would try to learn about the people we worked on, to bring them back to life.

Near the Pond family was a large monument for William Willson that we began with. William was a Civil War veteran and a 54 year resident of Shakopee when he died in 1920. He was a probate judge, county treasurer, and a long time member of the school board. He and his wife Helen had two daughters, and a baby son who died along with his mother in

1879. But where was Helen's stone? A depression in the ground was a clue, and the granddaughter of one of our ladies decided to "find" Helen. After some digging around the depression, there she was, hidden under years of grass and dirt, bright and shiny like new.

In another area of early Shakopee residents was a huge monument to Richard Murphy, of "Murphy's Landing" fame. It was covered in lichen, dirt, stains and was crumbling at its base. It took several sessions to clean Mr. Murphy's monument, and involved a tall ladder to reach the top most spire. Also with Mr. Murphy is his youngest son, George. We learned that Richard Murphy had come to the Shakopee area after being appointed Indian Agent in the territory of Minnesota in 1848. He built a large hotel and operated a wharf and ferry service on the Minnesota River just east of Shakopee.



Near Mr. Murphy was Jonathan Moore and his wife Emily Newcomb Moore. Jonathan and his family lived on 3rd street, in the heart of Shakopee. He was an agricultural machine agent and noted in the "Shakopee Courier" as a "fine old gentleman" when he died. Next to the Moore monument, was a small, dark, lichen encrusted stone with an illegible name. After cleaning, it revealed itself as Philena Scott Newcomb, Emily's mother. In another part of the cemetery we found Emily's sister, Charlotte. Philena was born in 1798, and moved with her family from Massachusetts to Wisconsin, and then to Eureka, Dakota County and lastly, to Shakopee. To date, Philena is our oldest headstone.

William D Cole was a Civil War veteran, buried near the front entrance to the Valley Cemetery. He served in Company I of the 9th Minnesota Infantry, along with several other Shakopee young men. William never married, and returned home after the war to Eagle Creek (east of Shakopee) to live with his parents and siblings and a neighbor to Samuel Pond. Sadly, he died at age 37 due to consumption (tuberculosis). His brother-in-law, George Kinsey is also on this monument, another Civil War soldier who married Minnie Sota Cole in 1882.

We are continuing to clean headstones and monuments, and to learn about the early Shakopee residents and their families. More than once, we have someone drive by while we are working, and ask "what are you ladies doing??" And we are happy to tell them about our project and to share a few of the stories we have learned.

If you are interested in helping with the cleaning this summer, contact SHS member Candace Williamson, who is also a DAR member!

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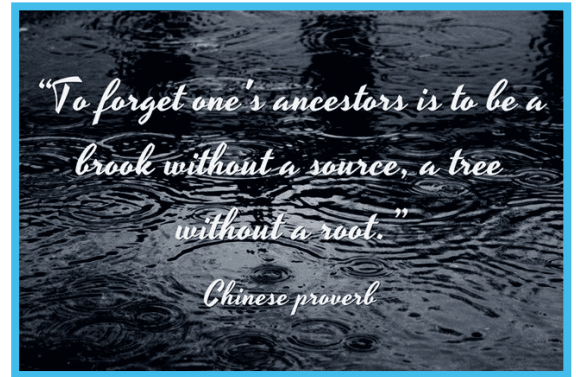
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Don't forget annual membership renewal (and thanks all who did!). Cost is \$20 a year for the newsletter, 96 brochures, and more! Send check to SHS at 2109 Boulder Point, Shakopee